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MEETING OF THE WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023 6:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 6:03 p.m. The public was invited to listen to the audio of the meeting. The meeting was also streamed LIVE on the City's Facebook page.							
Call to Order Mayor Blaser call	ed the meetin	g to order at 6:03	3 p.m.				
2. Roll Call Roll call indicated Alderperson Ryan Austin Dean Venema Matt Zacher Tom Rayome Sheri Evanson Dennis Polacl Patrick J. Dela Jay Bemke	Dist 1 In 2 3 4 1 5			except A Abso Control Contro		on Evanson, who was excused:	
3. Pledge of Alle Mayor Blaser invitinvocation.						d a moment of silent prayer in lieu of an	
4. Reading of the lt was moved by meeting. Motion of Alderperson Ryan Austin	Bemke, secor carried, 7 ayes	nded by Austin to	dispe			2023 ng and accept the minutes of the previous	
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5. Mayoral Recognition

Mayor Blaser thanked Alderperson Evanson for her service to the City as Alderperson in District 5 from 2021 to 2023. A plaque will be presented to her at a later date.

6. Consider a Resolution Rejecting the Repurchase of Property in the West Side Industrial Park, Parcel No. 3400751A

It was moved by Austin, seconded by Bemke to approve a Resolution Rejecting the Repurchase of Property in the West Side Industrial Park, Parcel No. 3400751A. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 0 nays. Resolution No. 7 (2023):

<u>Alderperson</u>	District	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1	Motion	\boxtimes		
Dean Veneman	2		\boxtimes		
Matt Zacher	3		\boxtimes		
Tom Rayome	4		\boxtimes		
Sheri Evanson	5				\boxtimes
Dennis Polach	6		\boxtimes		
Patrick J. Delaney	7		\boxtimes		
Jay Bemke	8	Second	\boxtimes		

- 7. Consider for Adoption the Actions of the Standing Committees of the Common Council, as follows:
 - A. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 11, 2023:

Matt Zacher, Chairperson

Dean Veneman, Vice-Chairperson

Jay Bemke

Date of Meeting: April 11, 2023 Report to Council: April 13, 2023

The Finance and Property Committee met at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting was LIVE on Wisconsin Rapids Community Media (WRCM) Spectrum Channel 985 and Solarus Channel 3, online at www.wr-cm.org or via WRCM's Roku app and was streamed LIVE on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page.

All members of the Finance and Property Committee were present, except Alderperson Veneman, who was excused.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Zacher called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Review bid results for replacing the existing lighting control system at the Centralia Center and consider bid award

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher, to award the bid for a Lutron Athena System at the Centralia Center to Current Technologies for \$22,600. Motion carried 2-0.

3. Review and consider for approval a change order for the replacement of the HVAC controls at Centralia Center

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher, to approve a change order for the replacement of the HVAC controls at the Centralia Center from Ron's Refrigeration for \$28,776. Motion carried 2-0.

- 4. Review bid results for replacing the roof at Centralia Center and consider bid award It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Bemke, to award the bid to replace the roof at Centralia Center to Nick Michels & Sons, Inc. for \$489,202. Motion carried 2-0.
- 5. Review bid results for prairie dog glass exhibit work and consider bid award It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher, to award the bid for the prairie dog glass exhibit to K & W Glass, Inc. for \$35,780.52. Motion carried 2-0.
- 6. Consider for approval a special event application from Wood County Human Services, 111 W. Jackson Street, for a Foster Family Appreciation Street fair to be held on Thursday, May 18, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Clerk's note: The correct event date is Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Bemke to approve a special event application from Wood County Human Services, 111 W. Jackson Street, for a Foster Family Appreciation Street Fair to be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Motion carried, 2-0.

7. Review and consider for approval the 2023 Humane Society contract It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher to approve the 2023 Humane Society contract in the amount of \$86,500. Motion carried, 2-0.

8. Review and consider for approval policies for the Mass Transit Grant

The Committee considered each policy separately, as follows:

- a. It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Bemke to approve the Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan as presented. Motion carried. 2-0.
- b. It was moved Bemke, seconded by Zacher to approve the Federal Awards Policy as presented. Motion carried, 2-0.
- c. It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Bemke to approve the Protest Policy as presented. Motion carried, 2-0.

9. Audit of the bills

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher to approved check numbers 16003 to 16679. Motion carried, 2-0.

10. Set next meeting date

The next regular Committee meeting is set for Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher to adjourn. Motion carried, 2-0, and the meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Veneman to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Bemke requested that item #7 be held out. Mayor Blaser asked for unanimous consent to amend the motion to hold item #7 out for separate vote. No objection was made, and the motion was so amended. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 0 nays:

Alderperson	District	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1		\boxtimes		
Dean Veneman	2	Second	\boxtimes		
Matt Zacher	3	Motion	\boxtimes		
Tom Rayome	4		\boxtimes		
Sheri Evanson	5				\boxtimes
Dennis Polach	6		\boxtimes		
Patrick J. Delaney	7		\boxtimes		
Jay Bemke	8		\boxtimes		

Regarding item #7, it was moved by Zacher, seconded by Austin to approve the 2023 Humane Society contract in the amount of \$86,500. Motion carried, 5 ayes and 2 nays:

<u>District</u>	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
1	Second	\boxtimes		
2		\boxtimes		
3	Motion	\boxtimes		
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5				\boxtimes
6			\boxtimes	
7			\boxtimes	
8		\boxtimes		
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B. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 13, 2023:

Ryan Austin, Chairperson

Sheri Evanson, Vice-Chairperson

Dennis Polach

Date of Meeting: April 13, 2023

Reported to Council: April 13, 2023

The Public Works Committee met on Thursday, April 13th, 2023 in the Council Chambers at City Hall and via remote videoconference. Ryan Austin and Dennis Polach were in attendance. Sheri Evanson was absent.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

2. Review Engineering & Street Department Monthly Activity Report.

The reports were reviewed.

3. Review and consider removing the no parking restrictions on 3rd Street South from East Grand Avenue to Oak Street.

Motion by Austin, second by Polach to remove the no parking restrictions on 3rd Street South from East Grand Avenue to Oak Street. Motion carried (2-0).

4. Review and consider modifying Chapter 33 Stormwater Management Utility to remove charges imposed for undeveloped parcels prescribed in 33.09 Charge Formulas (4) Undeveloped.

Motion by Austin, second by Polach to remove the charges imposed for undeveloped parcels prescribed in 33.09(4) of Chapter 33: Stormwater Management Utility. Motion carried (2-0). **Ordinance No. MC 1337**

5. Review the 2022 MS4 Annual Report

The report was reviewed.

6. Review referral list.

The referral list was reviewed and updated.

7. Set next meeting date.

Next meeting will be set after committee members have been determined.

8. Adjourn

Motion by Polach, second by Austin to adjourn at 5:22 pm. Motion carried (2-0).

It was moved by Delaney, seconded by Polach to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Rayome requested that item #3 be held out. Mayor Blaser asked for unanimous consent to amend the motion to hold item #3 out for separate vote. No objection was made, and the motion was so amended. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 0 nays:

<u>Alderperson</u>	District	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1		\boxtimes		
Dean Veneman	2		\boxtimes		
Matt Zacher	3		\boxtimes		
Tom Rayome	4		\boxtimes		
Sheri Evanson	5				\boxtimes
Dennis Polach	6	Second	\boxtimes		
Patrick J. Delaney	7	Motion	\boxtimes		
Jay Bemke	8		\boxtimes		

Regarding item #3, it was moved by Austin, seconded by Zacher to approve the item as presented. Motion carried, 6 ayes and 1 nay. Ordinance No. MC 1338:

<u>Alderperson</u>	District	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1	Motion	\boxtimes		
Dean Veneman	2		\boxtimes		
Matt Zacher	3	Second	\boxtimes		
Tom Rayome	4			\boxtimes	
Sheri Evanson	5				\boxtimes
Dennis Polach	6		\boxtimes		
Patrick J. Delaney	7		\boxtimes		
Jay Bemke	8		\boxtimes		

C. REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 13, 2023:

Jay Bemke, Chairperson

Patrick J. Delaney, Vice-Chairperson

Tom Rayome

Date of Meeting: April 13, 2023

Reported to Council: April 13, 2023

The Human Resources Committee held a meeting in the 1st Floor Conference Room at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Members present were Chairperson Bemke, Alderperson Rayome, and Alderperson Delaney. Others in attendance were Alderperson Polach, City Attorney Sue Schill, HR Manager Ryan Hartman, Fire Chief Todd Eckes, Derek Matykowski, Police Chief Mike Potocki, and City Clerk Jennifer Gossick.

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Discuss and consider for approval the revision of City Hall hours to be Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. This will begin a six-month trial period to begin on May 5, 2023.

Policies were reviewed regarding the implementation of the proposed change in hours. Motion by Delaney, seconded by Rayome to approve the revision of City Hall hours to be Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This will be a six-month trial to begin on May 5, 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

3. The Committee may vote to go into closed session under Section 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., which reads: "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session".

Motion by Rayome, seconded by Delaney to vote to go into closed session. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 3-0.

In closed session, the Committee discussed discuss negotiations and strategy regarding possible amendments to provisions in the City's Labor Agreements with WRPPA and IAFF as a result of revised qualifications for new hires in each of those departments.

4. The committee may return to open session to take action on approval of side letter agreements between the City and IAFF and WRPPA.

Motion by Rayome, seconded by Delaney to move into open session. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Bemke, seconded by Rayome to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and IAFF consistent with the terms presented regarding new hires who do not have paramedic licensure; and also to approve a preemployment repayment agreement for new hires who do not have paramedic licensure. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Delaney, seconded by Rayome to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

It was moved by Austin, seconded by Delaney to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Zacher requested that item #2 be held out. Mayor Blaser asked for unanimous consent to amend the motion to hold item #2 out for separate vote. No objection was made, and the motion was so amended. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 0 nays:

<u>Alderperson</u>	District	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1	Motion	\boxtimes		
Dean Veneman	2		\boxtimes		
Matt Zacher	3		\boxtimes		
Tom Rayome	4		\boxtimes		
Sheri Evanson	5				\boxtimes
Dennis Polach	6		\boxtimes		
Patrick J. Delaney	7	Second	\boxtimes		
Jay Bemke	8		\boxtimes		

Regarding item #2, it was moved by Bemke, seconded by Delaney to approve the item as presented. Motion carried, 6 ayes and 1 nay:

Alderperson	District	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1		\boxtimes		
Dean Veneman	2		\boxtimes		
Matt Zacher	3			\boxtimes	
Tom Rayome	4		\boxtimes		
Sheri Evanson	5				\boxtimes
Dennis Polach	6		\boxtimes		
Patrick J. Delaney	7	Second	\boxtimes		
Jay Bemke	8	Motion	\boxtimes		

- 8. Reports of Other Committees, Commissions, Boards, and Department Reports:
 - McMillan Memorial Library Personnel Committee held February 8, February 15 and March 1; Board of Trustees held February 15; Building and Grounds Committee held March 8; Finance Committee held March 8, 2023
 - 2. Police and Fire Commission held March 1, March 28 and April 5, 2023
 - 3. Water Works and Lighting Commission held March 8, 2023
 - 4. Park and Recreation Commission held April 10, 2023 Department Reports for March 2023:
 - 5. Engineering Department
 - 6. Public Works Department
 - 7. South Wood County Airport Commission
 - 8. Wastewater Treatment Plant
 - 9. Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department

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	Dean Veneman	2	Second				
	Matt Zacher	3					
	Tom Rayome	4					
	Sheri Evanson	5				\boxtimes	
	Dennis Polach	6		\boxtimes			
	Patrick J. Delaney	7	Motion	\boxtimes			
	Jay Bemke	8		\boxtimes			
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Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Gossick, City Clerk